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SUBJECT: OPIUM CULTIVATION IN AFGHANISTAN - APPROACH TO
SOVIETS

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1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS IN EMBASSY KABUL'S VIEW THAT PRODUCTION OF OPIUM IN AREAS OF AFGHANISTAN WHERE SOVIETS HAVE AID PROJECTS UNDERWAY (REF 2, PARA 13), PROVIDES A BASIS UPON WHICH TO ACQUAINT SOVIETS WITH OUR STRONG CONCERN WITH AFGHAN PRODUCTION POTENTIAL.

2. WE DO NOT BELIEVE, HOWEVER THAT THE BEST APPROACH WOULD BE TO RAISE THIS WITH THE SOVIETS HERE. DEPARTMENT SEES
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GREATER USEFULNESS IN AN APPROACH BY EMBASSY MOSCOW TO MFA STRESSING THE FOLLOWING:

A). AFGHANISTAN HAS UNDERTAKEN EFFORTS TO CONTROL ITS SERIOUS OPIUM PRODUCTION PROBLEM BUT IS EXPERIENCING EXPECTED DIFFICULTIES IN DOING THIS.

B). US IS ASSISTING AFGHAN GOVERNMENT TO COME TO GRIPS WITH PROBLEMS, BUT POTENTIAL FOR AFGHAN ORIGIN NARCOTIC'S GETTING INTO A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES BOTH CLOSE AND DISTANT ARGUES FOR GENERAL, NOT JUST US, CONCERN.

C). THE UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL (UNFDAC) RECOGNIZING THIS, HAS BEEN ASSISTING AFGHAN GOVERNMENT IN CONTROL EFFORTS BUT EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN ON A BILATERAL BASIS WOULD, WE BELIEVE, HAVE AN IMPORTANT BENEFICIAL EFFECT, SUPPLEMENTING THE EFFORTS OF UNFDAC.

D). BECAUSE THE SOVIET UNION HAS UNDERWAY IMPORTANT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROJECTS IN MAJOR OPIUM GROWING AREAS OF AFGHANISTAN , THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT MAY SHARE THESE CONCERNS AND MAY WISH TO EXPRESS ITS OWN VIEWS ON THIS TO THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT.

3. UNLESS EMBASSY HAS ALREADY DISCUSSED THE PROBLEM WITH THE SOVIETS, DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS EMBASSY TAKE THIS UP, AT AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL AND TIME. VANCE

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